[28th January 1956

Chenoli Mills, Kunhimanaglam

* 3068 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the letters, dated 30th March, 7th May, 6th June and 1st August 1955, from the Chenoli Mills' Thozhilala Union, Kunhimangalam, Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, requesting to put the favour dispute between the Union and the management of the Chenoli Mills regarding the question of bonus for the years 1952, 1953 and 1954 for adjudication and if so, the action taken thereon; and

(*b*) whether the Government have received any conciliation report on this subject from the Labour Officer, Kozhikode?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir. The Government have referred the dispute for adjudication.

(*b*) Yes, Sir.

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI : Have they referred the dispute relating to the year 1952–53 also for adjudication?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir. The question related to bonus for the years 1952, 1953 and 1954. I have answered that the Government have referred the disputes for adjudication.

Pension to the retiring M.L.As.

* 3069 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government for granting pension to the retiring Members of the Legislative Assembly; and

(*b*) if so, when a decision will be taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN : Since the salary now being given to the Members is itself in the nature of a pension, may I request the Government to consider the question of increasing the salary instead of caring for the retiring M.L.As.?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think that it will be a very popular proposal. Anyhow, if the hon. Members are very keen about it, they may have a non-official resolution tabled and we may have a discussion over that.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : We were told by the previous Speaker at the time of his relinquishment of office that he had submitted a proposal to the Government about giving pension to retiring M.L.As. Will the present Speaker pursue the matter further?